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DAN WHITE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

Thanks to the hard work of Illinois election officials, the earliest primary election in Illinois history was one of the most successful in history. A record 2,986,982 voters turned out for the presidential primary and early voting was a tremendous success.

2008 IMPORTANT DATES

- * Monday, May 5 - Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (None filed)
- * Monday, May 19 - Advisory Committee (9:30 a.m.) and Board meeting (10:30 a.m.) Springfield
- * Monday, June 9 - Board meeting (10:30 a.m.) Chicago
- * June 16-23 Filing period for nomination papers for independent candidates and new political party candidates who file for federal, judicial, state or county offices
- * July 2, 2008 - Last day lottery shall be conducted when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one new political party, nonpartisan, or for independent candidates
- * Friday, August 29 - Board meeting (10:30 a.m.) Chicago - Certification of candidates. Note: Nominees for Republican Party for President and Vice President will not be certified until chosen by the national nominating convention scheduled for September 1, 2008.
- * Monday, September 15 - Advisory Committee Meeting (9:30 a.m.) and Board meeting (10:30 a.m.) Springfield

SBE WEBSITE

The State Board of Elections public website has become a very important source of information for a large and growing constituency. The newly designed website is now in place and is very user friendly! Board meeting agendas and packet material, press releases, public notices, and election related publications and information are available on the site. Please visit us soon!

HAVA FUNDING UPDATE

Current grants available to all jurisdictions

Phase II -- available until **November 2008** (all paperwork must be submitted by December 31, 2008 - Can be used to meet the requirements of Title III

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The State Board of Elections will be updating the State Plan in order to request FY 08 federal funding of HAVA requirements funds. These funds will be dependent upon the SBE receiving state matching funds as required by HAVA..

Additional Health & Human Services (accessibility) funds (FY 08) will be made available to states as well.

NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

Last day to register to vote	October 7, 2008
Grace Period Registration and Voting	
First Day	October 8, 2008
Last Day	October 21, 2008
Early Voting for Election	
First Day	October 14, 2008
Last Day	October 30, 2008

DID YOU KNOW?

Abraham Lincoln was the first President to be photographed in the White House.

William Taft was the first president to have an automobile.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION COMMISSION

The Election Day Registration Commission, as created by Public Act 095-0441, first met on February 10, 2008 in the SBEs Springfield office. James Ascot was appointed Chairman by the Commission members. Visit the website at <http://electiondayregistration.ning.com/?xqi=gGV8CLH> to add your comments and concerns.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Visit the Election Assistance Commission's website at www.eac.gov to find Quick Start Management Guides, a Glossary of Election Terminology in English to Spanish, a Voter Information Center and many other useful election related publications.

ELECTIONS

The State Board of Elections' Division of Election Training and Resource Development processed 9,281 voter registration application transmittals to the election authorities in 2006; 9,149 application transmittals in 2007; and as of April, 16,175 application transmittals already for 2008! Interest in the Presidential election appears to be high!

The Mock Election programs are available on the SBE website under the Voting and Elections front page link. Both the K-3 Let's Vote and the 4-12 Mock Election programs will be updated after candidate certification to include the names of the actual candidates running for certain offices as indicated in the books.

The LEO Handbook, the 2009 Candidates Guide and 2009 Township Caucus Guide are expected to be ready and distributed sometime in July 2008. These are available under the Voting and Elections front page link.

The 2009 Election & Campaign Finance Calendar will be completed by the end of July and will also be available under the Voting and Elections front page link.

The Election Authorities Guidelines for 2008 publication may be ready in July, pending legislative changes.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

The Division of Campaign Disclosure would like to remind all political committees that they must file their June 08 Semi-annual Report by Monday, July 21, 2008. Once again, this is just a reminder of the change for the official last day to file a Semi-annual Report.

MEET THE STAFF



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SPRINGFIELD**

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TO OUR SPRINGFIELD
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